

to be punishable as other perjuries are punishable, and the said County Commissioners shall have full power to give judgment in any hearing before them as to costs, which judgments shall be enforceable in the same manner as other judgments for costs rendered by competent tribunals.

362. Said County Commissioners shall have the power to require all notices provided by this Act to be given, or which it may be necessary to give in the course of any of their proceedings, to be served by any of the constables of Baltimore County, and to allow the sum of forty cents and no more for the service of every such notice; and any constable failing to serve any such notice or making any false return as to such service shall be punishable as for other similar violations of duties required by law to be performed by him.

363. No franchise or right in relation to any highway, avenue, street, lane or alley, either on, above or below the surface of the same, shall be granted by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, until the following provisions shall be complied with: (1) The application for such franchise or right shall be published by the applicant once a week for three successive weeks in two newspapers published in Baltimore County and having general circulation, setting forth the location, character and extent of the franchise sought; (2) upon the first publication of said notice it shall be the duty of the said County Commissioners to make diligent inquiry as to the money value of the franchise or right asked to be granted, and the adequacy of the compensation proposed to be paid therefor; (3) if any objection is made to the granting of the franchise asked by any person or persons interested therein, either as taxpayers or having property rights involved, and filed in writing with the secretary to the board, before the expiration of said notice, opportunity shall be granted and a time set for the hearing of such objections.

364. When the grant of a franchise or right is made in compliance with the foregoing Sections, the said County Commissioners shall not part with, but shall expressly reserve the right and duty at all times to exercise full municipal control and regulation in respect to all matters connected with said grant not inconsistent with the terms thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be taken or construed to affect any action, contract, act, default, tort or negligence which does now or may hereafter